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TAGS: PLOS, PBOR, PP, BP

SUBJECT: SOVEREIGNTY OF POCKLINGTON REEF

INR/DDR/RGE CURRENTLY STUDYING PNG'S MARITIME BOUNDARIES  
AT INFORMAL REQUEST OF GEOFFREY DABB. RGE UNCLEAR WHETHER  
PNG OR SOLOMON ISLANDS CLAIM SOVEREIGNTY OVER POCKLINGTON  
REEF. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASK APPROPRIATE PNG GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL, PREFERABLY DABB, THE PRECISE STATUS OF POCKLINGTON  
REEF. AUSTRALIAN MAPS MADE BEFORE PNG INDEPENDENCE INDICATE  
REEF TO BELONG TO SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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